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Attorney Docket No. 80168-0121  
Client Matter No. P5433

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Alejandro H. ABDELNUR, <i>et al.</i>	)	Group Art Unit: 2161
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Application No. 09/827,177	)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Filed: April 6, 2001	)	
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	)	
OPERATING A CONFIGURABLE	)	
TRADE EXCHANGE	)	

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 15 and 16, please the delete paragraph starting on page 15, line 20 and running through page 16, line 3 in its entirety and replace with the following paragraph:

--It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various  
B/ modifications and variations can be made in the present invention without



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 is claimed for the application.

☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	18	MINUS	20	=	x 9 =	\$		x 18 =	\$
INDEP.	4	MINUS	4	=	x 42 =	\$		x 84 =	\$
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Reduction of ½ for filing by a Small Entity									\$
Total fee:									\$

☐ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.

☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

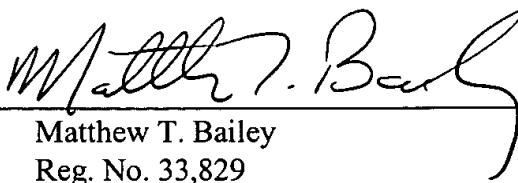
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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